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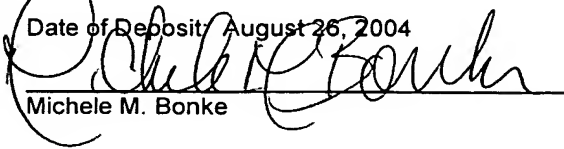
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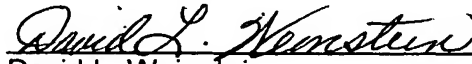
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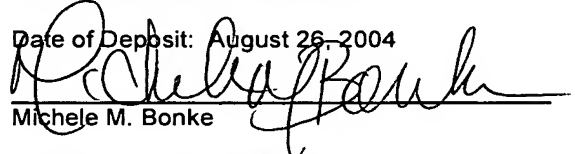
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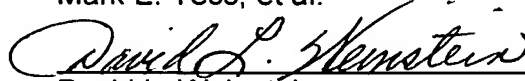
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	A2	5,437,999	08/01/1995	Diebold et al.			
	A3	5,509,410	04/23/1996	Hill et al.			
	A4	5,628,890	05/13/1997	Carter et al.			
	A5	5,759,364	06/02/1998	Charlton et al.			
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	A7	6,207,000	03/27/2001	Schwobel et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

	C1		"Pressure – Sensitive Adhesives and Products". Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Engineering, Vol. 13, 1988, John Wiley and Sons; pp. 345-368.				
	C2		N. J. Forrow et al., "BIOSENSOR". U.S. Application Serial Number 10/448,643, filed May 30, 2003.				

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